

Parents and educators everywhere will be interested in the experiment now being tried in the Cincinnati public schools of establishing a classroom for especially bright pupils...

In putting its ban on the "common drinking cup," the New York Board of Health is doing a good thing. The public drinking cup is a carrier of infection...

The famous auto expert who broke his neck in an effort to establish new speed records might have given his life in a better cause. A man, it is true, can easily find out if human manufacture can stand the terrific strain put upon it by these speed experiments...

England is worried over the \$75,000,000 annual destruction inflicted by rats. Most thinking people, are, and what worries most is that the measures for wiping out the pests are received by the rodents with cheerful indifference.

A New Yorker named Jones has asked permission of the courts to change his name. It behooves the 1,000,000,000 bearers of that honored monicker to arise in protest.

A Texas man sold 187,000 snakes last year for prices ranging from 25 cents to \$2.50 each. Nobody can justly complain that the price of snakes is high.

A French physician injected radium into a worn out old horse and made it frisky as a colt. There is hope for our ancient racehorses and baseball players.

A scientist says that a normal man has large feet and a normal woman small feet. This seems to settle the question outside of Chicago.

An Iowa professor claims that cold weather in spring is good for the fruit crop. Evidently the wolf cry from Georgia was a false alarm.

A Harvard professor has solved the riddle of the sphinx, but it is safe to assert that he doesn't know why the harem skirt is.

Wealthy men cannot always do as they please. A judge wouldn't allow Cornelius Vanderbilt to cross his legs in court.

Let us not abolish the cat just yet. Doctor Young tells us that the rat is the original and busy conveyor of germs.

New York reports the theft of \$15,000 worth of hair. That's what comes of leaving it around on the dresser.

A New York official makes the statement that cabs in that city are being driven by criminals. It may be he has just taken his first ride in one.

The fool who rocks the boat is breaking into print again. Let us hope the fool killer will finish his job before the canoeing season opens.

Shakespeare = 21,000 words have never been so effectively used since his day.

HAD SANCTION OF ROOSEVELT

Judge Gary Relates Inside Facts Regarding Steel Deal.

WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE.

Chairman of Executive Committee of United States Steel Corporation Lays Bare Everything to the House Committee.

Washington.—Judge E. H. Gary, chairman of the executive committee of the United States Steel Corporation, told the Stanley investigating committee of the House all of the details of the absorption of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company by the United States Steel Corporation.

Judge Gary laid before the committee the inside facts of the all-night conferences that were held in J. P. Morgan's library in the nerve-racking days of the 1907 panic; described how he and Henry J. Frick had rushed by special train to Washington, to confer with President Roosevelt; how the long-distance phone from the White House to New York had been held open for a flash of the result while the conference was on, and how, finally, widespread financial disaster was averted by the purchase by the United States Steel Corporation of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company.

Takes Issue With Gates. Judge Gary denied emphatically the statement made by John W. Gates before the House committee that the taking over of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company by the United States Steel Corporation was a "squeeze," or a forced sale.

The United States Steel Corporation, according to Judge Gary, after repeated urgings, finally stepped into the breach and paid 100 for a stock which they did not consider at the time to be worth more than 65. The difference of 35 points represented what the United States Steel Corporation felt was its duty to pay to avert the threatening panic.

RED LOPEZ EXECUTED Put to Death by Guards While on Way to Prison. Cananea, Sonora.—Red Lopez ordered imprisoned by Francisco I. Madero, Jr., on the charge that he had sold out to American interests while in command of a section of the insurrecto garrison at Agua Prieta, has been put to death.

Opposes Hanging of Women. Washington.—Representative Caleb Powers, of Kentucky, asked President Taft to prevent, if possible, the execution in this city of Mary Lomax, a colored woman, sentenced to death for the murder of her husband.

Why Ju-er's Lenient. St. Louis.—"I expect some day to go before the Great Judge, and at that time I will hope for leniency. That is the reason I am lenient to offenders in my court."

Indicted for Bribery. Nashville, Tenn.—The Davidson county grand jury returned an indictment against E. C. Goodpasture on a bribery charge.

Navy Yards to Drop 1,000 Men. New York.—The most sweeping layoff of workmen in the history of the Brooklyn Navy Yard is expected to take place this week.

Kills Woman, Then Himself. St. Louis.—Albert Shule shot and killed Mrs. Katherine Moran in a rooming house here and then killed himself.

Jury Ignores Judge. Macon, Ga.—Despite a direct charge by United States Judge Emory Spear that the defendants were guilty, a jury acquitted four wealthy Georgians of the charge of peopage.

THE SWEET GIRL GRADUATE



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HUNDRED AND TWENTY KILLED

Explosion in Fortress at Managua in Nicaragua—Many Liberals Arrested.

Managua, Nicaragua.—The explosion in the fortress La Loma on Tiscapa hill, overlooking Managua, resulted in the killing of 120 soldiers. A total of 117 bodies, among them that of a woman, have already been taken out of the ruins.

It was officially stated that the blowing up of the fortress was due to a political plot. Many Liberals, supporters of ex-President Estrada, have been placed under arrest.

President Adolfo Diaz, against whom the plot is said to have been directed, his Ministers and others identified with the Government escaped injury.

So far as a widespread revolutionary movement is concerned, the Government has issued an emphatic denial, but the situation in Managua is quite as serious as that which arose when the attempts were made against President Estrada last February. Troops are guarding the palace and public buildings and detachments of cavalry are patrolling the streets.

Killed by Earier Explosion.

New York.—Nicaraguans in this city are disinclined to believe that the explosion of Fort La Loma was an accident. They were sure that it was part of a plot by the rebels who have headquarters at Leon against the administration of President Adolfo Diaz, and they expect reprisals to follow.

Fort La Loma was perched at the summit of an extinct volcano and looked down on Managua from a height of 2,000 feet. After the Government arsenal blew up in the heart of the city nine years ago it was re-established at La Loma.

Four hundred persons were killed in the first explosion, which was probably an accident. For days the trees of the city park adjacent hung draped with tatters of humanity and the sky was black with vultures. The first main explosion was followed by many minor detonations, and so great was the terror of the populace that they largely deserted the city, leaving the dead to the vultures.

State Department Interested.

Washington.—Intense interest in the explosion was displayed by State Department officials, who are awaiting anxiously details giving its cause. Since the resignation of President Estrada and the assumption of power by Vice-President Diaz the department has received no advice indicating discontent in the republic.

The general disposition in administration circles is to conjecture that the disaster was the result of carelessness in the handling of explosives, rather than opposition to the present Government.

OVERTAKEN BY LAVA

Pilgrims to the Summit of Asama Meet Sad Fate.

Victoria, B. C.—News was brought from Japan by the Canadian Maru that when the annual festival of the shrine, on the summit of Asama volcano was held May 8, and several hundred pilgrims who had ascended to the shrine were returning, the volcano erupted and there was serious loss of life.

A tremendous report, felt as far distant as Tokio, was followed by a column of lava and smoke rising several hundred feet and the pilgrims were showered with molten lava.

Some corpses were found at the summit after the eruption shivered up by the red hot lava. Searching parties found many bodies with the clothing, hair and portions of limbs burned away.

WENT PLUCKILY TO DEATH

Lit a Cigarette and Ask d Firing Squad to Aim Well.

San Diego, Cal.—Capt. Tony Vegas, of the rebel forces at Tijuana, Lower California, Mexico, who shot and killed a Mexican named Pacheco during a row, was taken out and executed by a rebel firing squad soon after sunrise.

The firing squad was composed of Mexicans, because the murdered man was a Mexican.

Declines Editors' Invitation.

Washington.—President Taft declined the invitation of the National Editorial Association to be its guest at the association convention in Detroit, Mich., July 17. Other engagements prevented acceptance.

Tried to Hang His Daughter.

Decatur, Ind.—Harvey Parker knotted a rope about the neck of his four-year-old daughter and swung her body from a rafter in his barn, just before he committed suicide in the same manner.

FOILS SLEUTHS BATHTUB CRIME

Woman's Letters Show She Used Two Names.

HUSBAND IS ON THE GRILL.

Mrs. Scheb, Found Dead in Bathroom in New York, Got Letters at Different Places From Father and Mother.

New York.—Detectives delving into New York's latest sensational murder faced a deepening mystery with the reading of letters in the rooms of the woman whose decomposed body was found, lime-eaten, in a bathtub early Wednesday. There were two sets of these letters, one apparently from the father and the other from the mother of the victim, each writer addressing the missives to a different person at different addresses.

The woman who signed herself "Mother" dated her letters from Blue Island, Ill., and forwarded them to Mrs. Henry A. Scheb, or Mrs. Lillian Scheb, at 167 West Sixty-third street. Letters from "Father" were dated 37 Thomas street, Springfield, Mass., and sent to Mrs. Hugh A. Scherman, at 147 West Sixty-third street, 10 doors away.

The body has been identified as that of Mrs. Scheb by the victim's husband, Henry A. Scheb, whom the police have looked up on a technical charge of driving his employer's automobile without a license.

Scheb was pined with questions by detectives for three hours. He is said by them to have admitted that he himself wrote a letter addressed to himself and signed "Anna," which the police took from his pocket when he was arrested.

"I was going to show that letter to my wife when she came back," he is quoted as having told his inquisitors, "to prove that other women liked me."

His handwriting tallies closely with that of the person who penned the missive.

TO TRY LORIMER AGAIN

Martin Resolution Adopted After Seven Hours' Debate.

Washington.—Senator Lorimer, of Illinois, faces another investigation at the hands of his colleagues. The inquiry will be conducted by a subcommittee of the committee on privileges and elections, composed of four Republicans and four Democrats, four of whom voted for the conviction and four for the acquittal of the Senator last session. The method selected is regarded as the latest thing in jury trials.

It took seven hours' debate to agree upon the system, and it was finally adopted by a vote of 48 to 20, being substituted for the plan urged by Senator La Follette of turning the case over to five senators who were not members when the case was voted upon before and, therefore, were supposed to be unbiased.

County's First Execution.

Clarion, Pa.—Clarion county had its first legal execution Thursday when Vincent Voychek paid the extreme penalty of the law for the murder of Andrew Stunka, near Riemersburg.

Tragedy in Auto Race.

Indianapolis, Ind.—One life was sacrificed and several men were injured Tuesday in the first 500-mile motor race on a speedway. The great test of skill and endurance was won by Ray Harroun, driving a Marmon car, in 6:41:08. Closely pressing Harroun for the victory was Ralph Mulford, with a Lozier, who finished second, and David Bruce-Brown, who drove a Fiat to third place.

Expected God in Street.

Chicago.—Believing he could pick up gold and silver on the streets of Chicago, Emil Huff, a Toledo, Ohio, youth, spent all his money getting here. He brought a basket to hold the gold. The police will send him home.

Restrict Drinking on Trains.

Springfield, Ill.—Drinking on trains, except in buffet and dining cars, is prohibited in Illinois hereafter. Governor Deneen signed the bill having that effect.

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GETS CHANGE TO REORGANIZE

Supreme Court Decides Against Tobacco Trust—Sent Back to Lower Court.

Washington.—The government won a sweeping victory over the so-called "tobacco trust" when the Supreme Court of the United States held the American Tobacco Company and its allied corporations to be operating in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

By directing that the combination be forbidden the privilege of interstate commerce be placed in the hands of a receiver unless it disintegrates in harmony with the law within six, or at the most, eight months, the court is regarded to have dealt with the tobacco corporations more drastically than with the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, whose dissolution was ordered two weeks ago.

Both the first and second sections of the Sherman Anti-trust Law have been violated by the so-called Tobacco Trust, according to the court. Not only has it restrained wrongfully and unlawfully interstate commerce in the eyes of the court, but it has attempted to monopolize the tobacco business to the injury of the public and of its competitors.

While the decree was regarded as unusually severe, at the same time there was a touch of leniency in not making the combination an outlaw "now." The various elements of the combination are to be given an opportunity, under the supervision of the United States Circuit Court for the Southern District of New York, of recreation, so that there may be brought about "a new condition which shall be honestly in harmony with and not repugnant to the law."

The opinion of the court was announced by Chief Justice White, who also delivered the opinion of the court in the Standard Oil case. The entire court agreed that the tobacco combination violated the Sherman Anti-trust Law; but Associate Justice Harlan dissented from the repeated interpretation of the Sherman Anti-trust Law; so as to call for the application of the "rule of reason" in determining what restraints of trade were forbidden by the act. In this respect the division of the court was the same as in the Standard Oil case.

AFTER TRUST CHIEFS

Pomerene, of Ohio, Introduces Resolution in Senate.

Washington.—A demand for criminal prosecution of the officers of the Standard Oil Company and the American Tobacco Company is made in a concurrent resolution introduced by Pomerene (Democrat, Ohio), in the Senate. It says: "That it is the sense of the Senate and of the House of Representatives that criminal prosecutions should be begun against any or all of the said parties or persons who shall have, in the opinion of the Attorney General, violated the criminal provisions of said statutes."

"That the Attorney General of the United States be and is hereby instructed to institute criminal prosecution against said parties or persons for violations of the Sherman anti-trust law, if anywhere the evidence, in the opinion of the Attorney General, shall justify such proceedings."

BURNED AT THE STAKE

Horrible Crime Charged to Bandits in Mexico

Trinidad, Col.—The report that Robert Swaeseey had been burned at the stake in Mexico has been confirmed by the receipt of a letter by Mrs. Joseph Bonateo, Jr., of this city, from Mrs. Swaeseey. The women are sisters.

The letter states that Swaeseey was put to death at the stake at the hands of Mexican bandits on May 16 for failure to give them money they knew he had. Mrs. Swaeseey writes she was driven from home and was without food and shelter for fifty hours, but finally reached the camp of friendly Americans.

CHICAGO'S \$25,000,000 STATION

Structure Said to Be World's Finest Passenger Station.

Chicago, Ill.—The new station of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway in this city, one of the largest, most costly and most magnificent passenger terminals in the world, was opened to traffic Thursday. Costing nearly \$25,000,000 and with a right of way area of 37 acres, it is regarded as a marvel in modern railway station construction.

American Treasurer at Persia.

Teheran, Persia.—The National Council adopted a proposal of the Minister of Finance investing W. Morgan Shuster, the American financier, who recently was appointed treasurer general of Persia, with the most extensive powers for the control of the finances of the country.

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TAFT HITS FROM THE SHOULDER

Denounces the Underhand Attacks on Reciprocity.

SCORES SPECIAL INTERESTS.

Reviews Proposed Measure Elaborately in Address Before Western Economic Society.

Chicago.—President Taft in a speech before the Western Economic Society here declared that the principal opposition to the Canadian reciprocity agreement came not from the farmer, but from the Lumber Trust and from American manufacturers of print paper. In one of the most comprehensive addresses that he has made on the subject, the President outlined some of the methods employed by the opponents of reciprocity, practically told the farmers that they were being "bamboozled" by special interests and said that the fate of the agreement rested not so much with the United States as with the people of the country.

If the farmer and the country at large, he said, could be brought to understand that this treaty was in the interest of a majority of the people, he would no longer fear the coming vote in the Senate.

Not Sparring in Words.

The President was not sparing in his words. He told of the reasons for the opposition to the treaty by the Lumber Trust and by the paper manufacturers, and without using names scored a New York firm, some of whose members recently appeared at the hearings before the Senate Finance Committee in Washington, ostensibly in behalf of the National Grange, and objected to the enactment of the agreement.

In spite of the forces that are arrayed against it, the President expressed the belief that the agreement would become a law.

"The bill," he said, "will pass, if it passes at all, because of the force of public opinion in its favor."

LITTLE DANGER IN SMALLPOX

Only 92 Cases Out of 20,000 in 1909 Were Fatal.

Washington.—In nearly 20,000 cases of smallpox reported in the United States during 1909 there were only 92 deaths, making the average mortality rate less than one-half of 1 per cent.

Public Health Service statistics announced show that even the diminished number of cases of comparison with last year was excessive.

Kansas had the maximum number of cases, 2,197; Illinois, 2,135; Utah, 1,854, and North Carolina, 1,733.

ELECTION SET FOR OCTOBER 1.

President De La Barra Issues Decree.

Mexico City.—By official decree just issued by Provisional President de la Barra, a special Presidential election was called. In all States and Territories electors will be chosen on October 1, and these will select the successor of Porfirio Diaz on Sunday, October 15.

A Notable Wedding.

Havana.—The eldest daughter of President Gomez, Manuela, was married Saturday evening to Lieutenant Colonel Julio Morales Coello, chief of the Cuban Navy. The palace was brilliantly illuminated, and the ceremony was performed by Bishop Estrada. The full diplomatic corps and members of the cabinet attended. The bridal gifts are said to aggregate \$500,000.

Kaiser Favors Cupid.

Berlin.—According to the Berlin Zeitung, an announcement will be made on June 17 of the betrothal of Princess Victoria Louise, only daughter of the Kaiser, to hereditary Prince Adolf Frederick of Mecklenburg-Strelitz. The paper quotes the Kaiser as saying: "I do not intend to sacrifice my girl for politics. She shall marry for happiness above all else."

Illegal to Treat in Tacoma.

Tacoma, Wash.—Saloon men from all parts of the city were hooked at the police station when seven detectives made 21 arrests for alleged violation of the city's anti-treating ordinance, which prohibits treating in saloons. The constitutionality of the law will be attacked by the saloonkeepers.

Woman Fights Highwayman.

New York.—Miss Rebecca Crossman downed a highwayman who attacked her on the street by grabbing her around the knees and so delaying him until a policeman caught him. Her chataleine bag, containing \$176, was in the man's hand when he was captured. He said he was Joseph Martin when arraigned in Police Court and he was held in default of \$3,000 bail.

Girls Refuse to Wrestle.

New York.—Because none of the graduates would take the parts of the two wrestlers, the class of 1911 at Barnard cut out a scene from As You Like It, which was offered to a restricted audience on the Barnard campus. There were any number of young women ready and willing to be foresters in russet doublets and green hose, but not a single senior could be induced to play the part of a wrestler.

LIVE NEWS OF THE STATE

Reading.—Residents of Glenside, this county, held a meeting to consider the water question, Judge Endlich having rendered an opinion that Reading has no right to sell water beyond its boundary lines. Glenside is supplied with water by the city through a suburban company, but this will cease on August 1. The citizens present voted unanimously against annexation to Reading, preferring to carry their water rather than take this step. In the meantime arrangements will be made to get a water supply from some other source.

York.—Miss Bessie Matson, the 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Matson, was killed in a runaway accident near Fawn Grove. The girl, accompanied by a younger sister and a companion, was driving to Delta to attend a picnic. The horse became frightened at a heavy delivery wagon and overturned the buggy on an embankment. Miss Matson was driving and she was the only one injured. One of her lungs was punctured and her spine was injured, causing death shortly after the accident.

Washington.—The watchword of the United Presbyterian Church, "a million dollars for missions and 25,000 souls for Christ this year," was forcibly impressed upon the delegates at the session of the Fifty-third General Assembly, in the speeches and reports of committees. J. J. Porter, of Pittsburg, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, outlined plans to raise the \$1,000,000 for missions. Reports on the men's movement and the state of religion also dwelt upon the present campaign of the church.

Scranton.—Chairman Fred Zielemann, of Common Council, is at the head of a movement on the part of the local city fathers to attack the constitutionality of the Pittsburg-Scranton bill, signed by Governor Tener. The Councilmen have been advised, so Mr. Zielemann alleges, that it is unconstitutional to provide nine Councilmen for one city and five for another, when both cities are in the same class.

Chester.—One of the largest castings ever shipped from this city was sent away Thursday by the Seaboard Steel Casting Company. The casting, which weighs 41,000 pounds, was loaded on the steamer Fleetwood and consigned to the shipyard at Staten Island, N. Y. The steamer is equipped with a massive derrick and the casting was placed on board with ease.

Reading.—Jorn Sobosky, aged 27 years, was found lying in a ten-foot alley in the southern section of the city by Officer DeHart, with his right eye knocked out and his skull fractured. Later it was learned that he was injured in a fight, and Peter Stroka was locked up as the alleged assailant. Sobosky's condition is serious.

Pottsville.—The old turnpike between Pottsville and Ashland, via Newcastle, which was at one time one of the best known highways in this section, but which was abandoned thirty-five years ago, is to be reopened. The Good Roads Association is back of the movement. Broad Mountain is over two miles wide on the summit at a point where this road crosses it.

Ford City.—Arthur McElfresh, aged 14, is dying of a blood clot of the brain, caused by a blow from a foul ball at a Memorial Day game. Although knocked down by the blow, McElfresh was able to get up and walk away, but later became unconscious and was taken to a hospital, where physicians say he cannot recover.

York.—Henry Strayer, of Franklin Township, was thrown from his wagon and the wheels passed over him. He was internally injured and will probably not recover. The accident was caused by the horse stopping suddenly.

Reading.—Dislocating her neck in a fall eight days ago, Mrs. Margaret Blankenbiller, 80 years old, of West Reading, much to the amazement of the attending physicians lived until Thursday. She died in the Reading hospital.

Reading.—Rev. Dr. E. T. Horn, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, of this city, has accepted the call to the professorship at the Mt. Airy Lutheran Seminary and will enter upon his new duties on September 1.

Shenandoah.—Joseph Merzalis, 17 years old, high school student and son of August Merzalis, district board member of the United Mine Workers of this section, was drowned while bathing in a reservoir here.

Pittsburg.—Walking in his sleep out of a third-story window, Richard B. McIlvaine, aged 27, an attorney, fell and received injuries which caused his death in a short time. The accident occurred at the home of his father, Rev. Dr. J. H. McIlvaine, rector of Calvary Episcopal Church.

Scranton.—John Flanagan was killed, and Guy Wetzel was badly injured in a runaway accident on Olyphant Boulevard here. Two other Olyphant residents were slightly injured in the party suffered slight injuries.

Chester.—In a chicken picking contest along Commission Row, Henry Copley won by picking 100 chickens in 110 minutes. Buckler Ewing, his competitor, picked seventy-five.

Freeland.—Harry Green, aged 25, was shot and fatally injured by Tom Farillo in a brawl at East white Haven. The State police are searching for Farillo.

Canada is making special efforts to get market gardeners from England and other parts of Europe.